(b) whether it is also a fact that slum dwellers of the adjoining area, namely, Kali masjid Chack 4 and 5 were also removed but alternative dwelling units have not yet been allotted to them;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action Government propose to take on the representation made by the Association of Evictees Members of Dr. Ambedkar Slum Utthan Sansthan for re-allocation of permanent accommodation as per provisions of the slum clearance Act?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) to (d) Slum and JJ Department of Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that 798 families were evicted from Turkman Gate area. Out of these evictees of Turkman gate flats have been allotted in the same areas to 475 families. Many of these families were initially accommodated in Government quarters at Mata Sundari Road Complex as transit accommodation and on temporary basis. Depending upon the availability of flats, the evictees living in the transit accommodation in Mata Sundari Road Complex have been rehabilitated on permanent basis from time to time.

Slum dwellers living in the adjoining area namely Kali Masjid Chunk 4 & 5 were also removed and accommodated in vacant Government bungalows at Mata Sundari Road Complex on a temporary basis. So far 60 out of the 232 evictees have been allotted flats at Kali masjid area itself. Dr. Ambedkar Slum Utthan Sangathan in CWP No. 6981/2002—titled Dr. Ambedkar Slum Utthan Sangthan Vs. MCD & Anr had moved the Hon'ble High Court against rehabilitation on various grounds but the said petition has been dismissed. Slum & JJ Department are making efforts to rehabilitate the evictees of these slum families at various localities on a permanent basis and propose to shift them from the transit accommodation only after providing them alternative allotment.

Failure to Check the Spread of TB

*434. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether experts have criticised Government for its failure to check the spread of TB in the Country;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that various programmes launched to eradicate TB have not been effectively implemented in the country resulting in increase of TB patients;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of assistance received from foreign countries and WHO for the implementation of TB control schemes during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (c) No Sir. On the contrary the performance of the Revised National TB control programme being implemented in the country in a phased manner since 1997 has been acclaimed nationally and internationally.

As per estimates, about 2.2 million new TB cases are occuring every year in the country. The number of TB cases reported under the programme during the last few years has been more or less static.

With an objective of achieving a cure rate of 85% of new sputum positive cases and to detect at least 70% of such cases, the Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) is being implemented in the country in phased manner. More than 600 million population has already been convered under the revised strategy. The performance of the revised strategy has been encouraging as more than 8 out of every 10 patients put on treatment under revised strategy are successfully treated as against less than 4 in the earlier programme.

(d) The revised National TB Control Programme is being implemented in the country primarily with assistance of the World Bank. In addition, the Danish International Development Agency of Denmark (DANIDA) and Department for International Development (DFID) of UK are providing assistance for the implementation of the Programme in the States of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh respectively. Assistance received from these international agencies in the last three years is given below :—

World Bank	:	Rs. 196.18 crores
DFID	:	Rs. 76.25 crores
DANIDA	:	Rs. 21.67 crores

In addition, WHO provides technical assistance to monitor the programme.

Jeevan Aadhar Scheme for Mentally Retarded Persons

*435. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Jeevan Aadhar scheme for mentally retarded persons having less than 50 per cent IQ.